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June 9, 2004

Tom Newman  
Holcim (US) Inc.  
1405 Parkwood Drive  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525-1934

Subject: Termination of Suspension of Mining Operations and Acceptance of Reclamation Surety, Holcim (US) Inc., Skull Valley Diatomaceous Earth Mine, S/045/060, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Newman:

On September 8, 2003, the Division notified Holcim that their mining operation was placed in suspension for failure to pay the required permit fees for year 2003. On June 2, 2004, we received a check in the amount of \$300.00 to cover the 2003-2004 permit fee and also the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The record has been noted that the upcoming permit fee for year 2004-2005 has been paid; therefore, you should not receive a billing statement for the upcoming fiscal year. If you do receive a billing statement in error for this site, please contact Joelle Burns so it can be corrected.

Payment of the delinquent 2003-2004 permit fee now takes your mine status out of suspension and mining may resume as outlined in your existing approved notice.

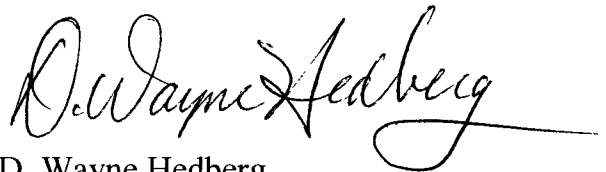
We have received a copy of the \$6,000 reclamation bond which you have posted with the Bureau of Land Management. At this time, the Division is acknowledging existing bonds held by the BLM. As you are aware, in the near future, we will require that the existing bonds be updated to include the Division as a beneficiary. However, as has been discussed, since you will be submitting a Notice of Intention to expand this project to a large mine status in the near future, the bond amount will need to be

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adjusted and the correction can be made at that time. Therefore, no change in the bond is required at this time.

Thank you for keeping your mine permit in good standing. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Tom Munson at 538-5321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Minerals Regulatory Program

DWH:jb

cc: Lance Stephens, Holcim  
Mike Ford, BLM, SLFO  
Nicole Cline, Tooele Co Planning  
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